

Rylant, Cynthia - **Mr. Putter and Tabby Write the Book (series)**  
Mr. Putter has everything he needs to write a mystery except a plot.

Schertle, Alice - **Button up! Wrinkled Rhymes**  
An illustrated collection of poetry features animals wearing an array of shoes, jackets, hats and other fun attire to demonstrate their unique personalities.

Seuss, Dr. - **The Cat In The Hat**  
A nonsense story about an unusual cat and tricks he displays for the children one rainy day.

Sidman, Joyce - **Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature**  
Lovely verse and exquisite scratchboard illustrations celebrate the beauty and value of a swirl shape.

Solheim, James - **Born Yesterday**  
A baby who plans to grow up to be a writer records thoughts and events in a private journal.

Swanson, Susan Marie - **The House in the Night**  
Illustrations and easy to read text explore the light that makes a house in the night a home filled with light.

Tomecek, Steve - **Rocks & Minerals**  
Learn all about rocks and minerals with this playful and engaging book.

Voake, Steve - **Insect Detective**  
Budding entomologists will be encouraged to step outside to explore and observe their surroundings.

Weeks, Sarah - **Mac and Cheese (series)**  
Cheese saves Mac's hat in this alley cat adventure.

Willems, Mo - **Happy Pig Day! (series)**  
Gerald (an elephant) and Piggie are best friends. When Piggie celebrates her favorite day of the year, Pig Day, Gerald feels left out.

Yee, Wong Herbert - **Mouse and Mole: A Winter Wonderland (series)**  
It's snowing, and Mouse thinks it's a perfect day to play outside with Mole, but Mole would rather stay inside and be as "snug as a bug in a rug."

**These are just a few of the books that first and second graders enjoy. Ask your librarian for further suggestions.**

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## BOOKS for GRADES 1 and 2



Adler, David - **Young Cam Jansen and the Speedy Car Mystery (series)**  
Super sleuth Cam Jansen tracks down a missing remote-control car at the school's Green Fair.

Arnold, Tedd - **Fly Guy vs. the Flyswatter! (series)**  
Fly Guy accompanies Buzz to school, only to learn that the class is going on a field trip to the flyswatter factory.

Baker, Keith - **Meet Mr. and Mrs. Green (series)**  
A loving alligator couple enjoy going camping, eating pancakes, and visiting the county fair.

Barner, Bob - **Dinosaurs Roar, Butterflies Soar**  
Lively illustrations and solid information help readers discover the natural history of butterflies and how they're past intersects with that of the dinosaurs.

Bottner, Barbara - **Miss Brooks Loves Books (and I Don't)**  
A first grader who doesn't like to read stubbornly refuses the librarian's attempts to convince her that reading is fun until she is presented with the right book.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin - **Biscuit and the Little Pup (series)**  
Will Biscuit ever get the little pup to come play with him?

Cazet, Denys - **Minnie and Moo: the Case of the Missing Jelly Donut (series)**  
Minnie's jelly donut is missing and Moo helps her track down the donut thief.

Chaconas, Dori - **Cork and Fuzz: The Babysitters (series)**  
Best friends Cork and Fuzz babysit a porcupine, but only one of them does all of the work.

Chin, Jason - **Redwoods**  
A boy's surroundings are transformed into a Redwood forest when he finds and reads a book about the trees.

DiCamillo, Kate - **Bink and Gollie (series)**  
Roller skating friends Bink and Gollie share three humorous adventures involving outrageous socks, an imaginary trip to the Andes, and a pet fish.

DiCamillo, Kate - **Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes (series)**

Mercy Watson, the butter loving pig, catches its scent in the drive-in theater's popcorn.

Dorman, Brandon - **Pirates of the Sea!**

No cryin'! No dyin'! No veggies! No wedgies! No disobeyin' Cap'n Bones!

Elliott, David - **In the Wild**

Fourteen animals are introduced with short poems and bold woodcut illustrations.

Frazer, Marla - **A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever**

Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation.

Fucile, Tony - **Let's Do Nothing!**

After playing actively all day two friends learn something when they try to do nothing at all.

Grant, Judy Ackerman - **Chicken said, "Cluck!"**

When Earl and Pearl plant pumpkins, Chicken gets in the way, but it is Chicken who saves the patch from the grasshoppers.

Halfman, Janet - **Star of the Sea**

Spend a day with a starfish as she hunts for food and meets the challenge of survival.

Henkes, Kevin - **Birds**

Birds come in all colors, shapes, and sizes. Look closely, and you will see them; listen carefully, and you will hear them.

Holm, Jennifer L - **Squish: Brave New Pond (series)**

The school cafeteria nacho loving amoeba continues his quest to hang out with the cool kids in this action packed graphic novel.

Hunt, Elizabeth Singer - **Secret Agent Jack Stalwart: The Mission to Find Max (series)**

In this exciting tale of intrigue, Jack travels to Egypt in hopes of solving the mysterious disappearance of his brother, Max.

Jeffers, Oliver - **The Incredible Book Eating Boy**

Like many children, Henry loves books. But Henry doesn't like to read books, he likes to eat them. Big books, picture books, reference books . . . if it has pages, Henry chews them up and swallows (but red ones are his favorite).

Jenkins, Steve - **Actual Size**

Jenkins draws animals or parts of animals their true size.

Klassen, Jon - **I Want My Hat Back**

Bear has lost his hat and none of the animals has seen it—or have they?

Lin, Grace - **Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same**

Readers discover that this pair of Chinese-American twins is not as alike as some may think in six short, interconnected stories.

Lobel, Arnold - **Frog and Toad are Friends (series)**

In five easy chapters celebrating friendship, Frog and Toad look for spring, find a lost button, and wait for a letter.

London, Jonathan - **Froggy Builds a Treehouse (series)**

Dad helps Froggy and his friends build a "boys only" treehouse, but Frogilina has a different idea.

Long, Loren - **Otis and the Tornado**

An animated farm tractor named Otis saves the day when a tornado strikes.

Marsh, Laura - **Great Migrations: Elephants (series)**

Follow the journey of hundreds of elephants as they search for food and water while battling heat and sandstorms.

McCarthy, Meghan - **The Incredible Life of Balto**

An informative story about the life of the sled dog who led his team to Nome with lifesaving serum told in a delightful way.

McDonald, Megan - **Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown (series)**

Judy Moody's little brother Stink masters the art of thumb-wrestling when his parents insist he play a sport.

McDonnell, Patrick - **Me...Jane**

Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals. Includes biographical information on the prominent zoologist.

McMullan, Kate - **I Stink**

A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti and zucchini.

Messner, Kate - **Over and Under the Snow**

"Over the snow, the world is hushed and white," but under the snow creatures keep safe and warm.

Ray, Mary Lyn - **Stars**

Stars are magical. They can become wands, make us happy, and teach us the wonders of the universe.

Reid, Barbara - **Perfect Snow**

An overnight snowfall presents Scott and Jim with plenty of snow to build "The World's Greatest Totally Massive Snowman Fort" during school recess.